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One of the disastrous intelligence leaks of the war occurred in June 1942 - right after Midway - when an article in three newspapers of very wide circulation and a columnist with an international audience disclosed that our Navy knew in advance of the Japanese plans for the attack. The effect of this revelation may well have been an immediate change of codes and the resultant loss of vital intelligence to the U.S.

Time, page 20, 17 December 1945:

"U.S. citizens discovered last week that perhaps their most secret weapon of World War II was not radar, not the VT fuse, not the atom bomb," but a machine with which "cryptographers had duplicated decoding devices used in Tokyo."

Pearl Harbor Report, page 232:

"All witnesses familiar with Magic material throughout the war have testified that it contributed enormously to the defeat of the enemy, greatly shortened the war, and saved many thousands of lives."

"The American Black Chamber" by Yardly disclosing American successes in World War I caused international repercussions in the cryptographic field and caused several governments to drastically improve their codes.

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